

Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt, Opens March 16

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Adventure calls when Bay Area Children's Theatre (BACT) debuts *Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt*, in Berkeley on March 16.

Adapted for the stage by Allison Gregory, based on the books by Megan McDonald, *Judy Moody & Stink: The Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad Treasure Hunt* has been co-commissioned by seven children's theatre companies across the nation, including BACT. Khalia Davis directs.

In this first-ever stage version of a Judy Moody escapade, Judy worries that she won't have any adventures to share with her third-grade classmates when school starts, until her parents propose a weekend trip to Ocracoke Island, aka Pirate Island.

Imagine how excited Judy and her kid brother must be when Scurvy Sam welcomes them at the dock, announcing, "This be the weekend of the Third Annual Pirate Island Treasure Hunt. Fun and mayhem start right here!"

Judy and Stink immediately join the hunt and race to find clues, desperately trying to beat out their rivals, Tall Boy and Smart Girl, in their quest for doubloons and the prize Judy covets—a T-shirt to show at school.

Dates and venues:

Berkeley: March 16 – April 29 at BACT's Berkeley Theatre Center, 2055 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and weekends at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

San Francisco: May 4 – 27 at the Children's Creativity Museum Theater, 221 4th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, Fridays at 6:30 p.m. and weekends at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

TICKETS: \$15 - \$27

BOX OFFICE: www.bactheatre.org or call (510) 296-4433
<https://bactheatre.org/shows/JudyMoody>

Both the Berkeley and the San Francisco theaters are easy to reach by BART. Recommended for ages 5 and up.

Artists

Khalia Davis (Director), a Bay Area native turned New Yorker, has spent the past seven years as a resident artist with BACT. Last seen as Lulu/Ladybug Girl in the national touring cast of *Ladybug Girl* and *Bumblebee Boy*, Davis makes her professional directorial debut on the main stage with this production. As a choreographer for BACT, she helped launch the Advanced Performers program, earning her team the Best Choreography award at the Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jave Hernandez (Stink) makes his BACT debut with this production. His previous roles include Sonny, In The Heights (CCCT); Ensemble, The Mystery of Edwin Drood (DVC); and Mr. De Pinna, You Can't Take It With You (DVC).

Alicia Piemme Nelson (Judy Moody) is an award-winning actress, clown, and teaching artist based in the Bay Area. This is her fourth show with Bay Area Children's Theatre; she has appeared in *Teddy Bears' Picnic*, *The Rainbow Fish Musical*, and *Five Little Monkeys*. Other credits include *The Last Wife* (WAM Theatre) and *The Circuit* (Santa Clara University). Nelson has a BFA in Acting from Boston University.



About Bay Area Children's Theatre

Established in 2004, [Bay Area Children's Theatre](#), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves more than 110,000 children and adults throughout the Bay Area, with main stage performances in Berkeley, Oakland, San Francisco and Sunnyvale; programs and productions in local schools; and classes and summer camps in the East Bay, South Bay, and San Francisco.

Our Mission: To inspire young audiences with imaginative productions, introduce children of all backgrounds to the excitement of live theatre, and create an engaging, entertaining, and educational environment in which children and their families can explore and enjoy the arts.

How We Carry Out Our Mission:

- Bring high quality, professional theatre to children and their families, with artists who create vibrant worlds that are intriguing to young audiences
- Encourage young people to explore literature, language, and the arts by producing stage adaptations of great children's books
- Engage preschoolers in the world of theatre with productions specially designed for them
- Develop and perform exciting new work for the stage
- Reach out to children who might not otherwise experience live theatre with free tickets, special performances for school groups, and touring productions at local schools
- Create touring productions for young audiences nationwide
- Partner with communities to meet the need for theatre education
- Introduce children to the joy of performance through our theatre education program